



## **Yavapai Regional Partnership Council**

### **Director's Report: December 2012**

#### **UPDATES**

##### **1. Discretionary Funding:**

- For the past four years, discretionary funding was distributed in line with the formula distribution based on the number of children zero to five in poverty. Additionally, funding was provided for two small tribal regions and frontier community adjustments for regions that have vast geographic distances to travel
- The Board is reevaluating discretionary funding to determine if it is necessary to alter the current strategy recognizing that from the beginning every regional council has received some level of discretionary funding
- There will be continued conversations about the topic as Leadership reviews suggested scenarios for use of discretionary funds

##### **2. Evaluation Plan:**

- An overview of the FTF Research and Evaluation Plan 2013-2017 was presented during the October State Board meeting
- The plan outlines where the organization is headed for the next five years related to the recommendations outlined by the National Advisory Panel
- The evaluation activities in the plan will increase the amount, quality, and utility of information and will be integrated with key system measurement, such as the 10 School Readiness Indicators, and products such as the Regional and Statewide Needs and Assets Assessments
- A January presentation will provide key points for the Council to consider as well as provide an opportunity to gather feedback from Council members

##### **3. Winter Chair and Vice Chair Meeting:**

- The next meeting will be on February 7, 2013; location TBD
- There is a request for topics or issues for the meeting agenda- please send them to Lori via email

##### **4. Funding Plan Presentation:**

- Presentations will take place on January 22 or 23, 2013 during the State Board meeting
- Unlike the past, staff will be presenting the Region's plan to the Board

##### **5. Board Member Sessions:**

- State Board members will be visiting various areas in the spring of 2013, however, they will not be able to meet with each individual Council
- A Northern area session will be scheduled for the Coconino and Yavapai in late February or early March

##### **6. Regional Council Visit with FTF Chief Executive Officer, Rhian Evans Allvin**

- Rhian Allvin will be attending the Yavapai Regional Partnership Council meeting on April 24, 2013. This meeting is scheduled for the Verde Valley area
- There is a request for specific Regional questions that Rhian can answer and dialogue about with Council members; please e-mail suggestions to Lori



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Ready for School. Set for Life.*

## **7. System Building Discussion**

- As the Council works towards a vision of the regional early learning system, creating supportive conditions for change requires comprehensive efforts among areas of the community
- System building discussions supporting our Region will begin after the beginning of the year

## **STRATEGY UPDATES**

- Planning for the MIECHV RFGA continues with a tentative release in December 2012; closing and review in early 2013; and funding in the last quarter of FY13.
  - A review committee will be formed; volunteers will be recruited
- The Expansion strategy government to government agreements are being completed by the grantees; the expected start dates are mid-January 2013
  - Two Council members are needed for reviewing the final documents (mid-December) to ensure the intent of the Council is met

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*This section will provide updated information about events or topics taking place between the posting of the meeting notice and the Regional Partnership Council meeting.*